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WESTBOUND EXIT 1 OFF-RAMP ON I-393 TO BE CLOSED ON APRIL 15
SIX WEEK CLOSURE NECESSARY AS PART OF BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the Interstate 393 westbound off-ramp at Exit 1 in Concord is scheduled to be closed on Monday, April 15, 2002 for six weeks. This ramp closure is necessary to allow work to proceed on the rehabilitation of the I-393 bridges over the Merrimack River and Fort Eddy Road.

The eastbound ramp at Exit 1 was closed to traffic on April 3 and will remain closed until late fall 2002.

The following detours will be available:

- I-393 Exit 1 westbound off-ramp traffic to Fort Eddy Road will continue past Exit 1 on I-393 westbound to the I-93 interchange and reverse direction onto I-393 eastbound and take the Exit 1 eastbound off-ramp to Fort Eddy Road.
- I-393 Exit 1 westbound off-ramp traffic to the NH Technical Institute, Police Standards and Training and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium will continue past Exit 1 on I-393 westbound to North Commercial Street, and then onto Fan Road to access these facilities.
- Fort Eddy Road traffic seeking to enter I-393 eastbound will use the westbound on-ramp at Exit 1, proceed west on I-393 to the I-93 interchange, and reverse direction to I-393 eastbound.

This project, which begins at the intersection of I-393 and North Main Street and ends approximately 1,300 feet west of Exit 2, includes the rehabilitation of seven bridges and pavement on Interstate 393 in Concord. Additional work will include improvements to drainage and high-mast lighting, and the replacement of guardrail and signs.

R.S. Audley, Inc. of Bow, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$6.1 million project, which has a final completion date of July 2003.